

EVER HUNT "JAVELINES?" FORECASTER REEDER HAS BEEN HUNTED BY THEM

Tusked Wild Hogs Dangerous Combatants Even for Trained Marksmen.

George Reeder, forecaster of the Weather for Columbia, has had varied experiences as traveler, cowboy, soldier and nimrod; but he recalls none more thrilling than that in which a pack of tusked wild hogs "treed" him and a companion in a Texas chaparral.

On that occasion Mr. Reeder established a record as a sprinter. He has never since been able to break—if he hadn't, he probably would not now be director of the Missouri section of the United States Weather Bureau, maintained in connection with the University of Missouri.

For the "javeline," as the wild hog is known, is a courageous and dangerous animal, and—let Mr. Reeder tell the story:

"It was one of those damp, foggy mornings, especially good for stalking. We left camp early to replenish our larder, which was rather low, and when about 300 or 400 paces from camp we caught sight of a buck and doe some distance off, as they were crossing a part of the swale. As we neared the place we dropped flat and began to worm our way through the brush. Every thing seemed to be in our favor, when suddenly John, my companion, turned his face my way and said in something between a hiss and a whisper, 'I smell hogs.'"

If You're Wise, Pronounce It So.

"The words scarcely uttered when we heard the noise made by the clamping of the hogs' tusks. Almost at the same instant we saw them. The javeline is nothing more than the native wild hog 'pecary.' The word 'pecary' however is rarely ever used by the natives of either Texas or Mexico. The word 'javeline' is the universal term. It is pronounced as if spelled with an 'h' harshly aspirated; the 'j' is silent. In point of courage the javeline surpasses any animal that roams the chaparral.

"Now when John whispered to me that he smelled hogs, I thought no more about it than if he had said 'I smell rabbits.' I didn't fully realize our danger. The hogs were as much surprised as we were. Whether or not they had been in a fight, or something had angered them I don't know.



GEORGE REEDER.

"I saw the javelines charge in a body. At the same time John yelled, 'tree, tree doggone my hide.'"

"I fired at one javeline which was nearly on me, and had the pleasure of seeing him turn over backward. Then I fled—ran like a scared rabbit.

"There may be hunters who can stand off twenty or more charging javelines, killing them all with a rifle that shoots only five times, but I am not one of them, and I can handle a rifle pretty well, too.

"Anyway, my respect for the fighting qualities of the javeline was considerably increased. Within fifty jumps as I ran I saw a spraddled-out mesquite, and climbed it in far less time than it takes to tell it. A man never knows what he can do until he is put to it.

"I dropped my rifle and made a running spring for the lowest branch, which I grasped barely in time, for the foremost javeline was a close second, hitting the tree and making the bark fly with his tusks.

Reeder's Narrow Escape.

"Had I missed the branch I would have been cut to pieces in a jiffy. I had forgotten John. It was each man for himself. But I knew that if I could take care of myself, John could look out for himself, just as I caught sight of him he tripped over a root and fell sprawling, but he didn't stay there. I nearly fell out of my tree laughing at the picture he made.

When John got up he fairly flew—but minus his rifle. He got his tree none too soon and he was mad clear

President Needn't Go to Africa for Thrilling Sport, Local Nimrod Thinks.

through. He sat straddling a limb, coat torn off, shirt nearly gone, and trousers split from hip to ankle, hat gone, and his red bushy hair standing out like a flame of fire. I was no thing of beauty myself, no doubt, but the picture my companion made sent me into roars of laughter despite our serious plight. He called me all the names he could think of, and swore that if he had his rifle he would shoot me for a grinning monkey and throw my hide to the pigs.

Nimrods At Bay.

"After enjoying my friend's discomfiture, I made myself comfortable and lit my pipe. There were twenty-three javelines in the bunch, all but six around John's tree, about fifty paces away. No doubt they would have torn us to pieces had they been able to get at us. After what seemed a long time, but what was in reality not more than twenty or thirty minutes, while they were rooting up the ground around the tree in a vicious manner, the six at my tree left to join the larger bunch around John's tree.

"I slid to the ground for my rifle, and yelled at the same time, showing myself in full view of the pack. Instantly they were after me, but I had time to regain my position in the tree. Then John slid to the ground for his rifle and was back on his perch.

Safety by Extermination.

"Well, we had turned the tables on our enemies. In military parlance we had out-manuevered them. While we disliked to slaughter, we had no option in the matter; it was kill or sit in the trees all day, and it was beginning to rain.

"We rolled over sixteen of those javelines before they would quit us—seven counting the one I shot when they charged us. Tanned the hides, and turned them into leggings, for which purpose the skin of the javelin is unexcelled."

Mr. Reeder was born and educated in Maryland. He also was graduated from the United States Meteorological and Military School at Arlington, Va. He took active part in the Revolution in Mexico in 1892. Now, as head of the Weather Bureau in Missouri, he has under him about 500 workers.

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COUNCILMEN TIRED OF WABASH'S DELAY

Railroad Should Be Brought to Terms, is General Sentiment.

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happened it was not directed to the proper department and it may be some time before we hear from them. I believe the Wabash wants Columbia to pay part of the expense for improvements of the station or in crossings."

Why Wabash Delays.

Councilman Emmett McDonnell said: "I think the council will try to get the Wabash to build crossings at those two streets. However, the railroad has completely ignored our city attorney. I do not think the city will build those crossings if it can help it, for it would then be held responsible for any accident that might happen there.

"If these crossings are needed I think the Wabash should be compelled to put them in."

"What Can I Do?"

Councilman S. H. Levy:

"I think that the council is now at the rope's end. The city attorney says that he has written twice to the Wabash officials and that neither of his letters has been answered. The council has instructed him to write again. If this does no good, I do not see that the council can go further."

Station Is Unsanitary.

Councilman A. G. Spencer:

"I was not present at the meeting last night, being at Sedalia, and I can make no statement except to indorse Mr. Nowell's statement relative to the unsanitary condition of the Wabash station, and to express my belief that the railroad ought to be brought to terms."

This One Doesn't Know.

Councilman James Gordon:

"I wasn't present at the meeting, and don't know anything about the crossings matter. I am unable to say anything for publication."

Hawk Routs Children.

NEWPORT, Ky., Oct. 8.—A large chicken hawk swooped down in the lot of R. W. Nelson at East Fifth street near Nelson place, and seized a chicken when it was discovered by a number of children, who started in pursuit of the monster bird as it grabbed its prey, but instead of flying away it showed fight and finally drove the children out of the lot.

"GOV." ROBINSON MARRIES NURSE

Aged Circus Man Evades Relatives and Gets License.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 8.—Old John Robinson, known far and wide among circus people as "the Governor," and the proprietor of Robinson's Circus, has been married to Miss Maud Logan, his trained nurse. "Governor" Robinson is seventy-five years old, and has been ill for a long time, but has insisted upon traveling in his private car with the circus. Miss Logan, who is now Mrs. Robinson, is thirty years old, and is handsome. She has been nursing the millionaire circus man for a long time and traveling with him and the circus. The ceremony took place in the private car.

Mr. Robinson tried last week to get a license to marry the young woman at Hopkinsville, Ky., but the clerk refused to give it because Mr. Robinson's relatives said that he was ill and in no condition to know what he was doing.

Couldn't Head Him Off.

But later the old man was more successful, although Judge Howard Ferris, representing members of the Robinson family, accompanied by John Robinson, Jr., left here on a special train this morning to head off the ceremony. They got there too late, and, instead of stopping the marriage, they tendered their congratulations with what grace they could.

As a matter of fact, the Robinsons are an eloping family. Two daughters of the "Governor" eloped with circus men. They were Caddie and Pearl Robinson. Then John Robinson Jr., eloped with Leonora Smith, the daughter of the United States Surveyor of Customs and former Mayor of Cincinnati, Amor Smith. Old John Robinson's niece, Minnie Robinson, eloped several years ago, and has since procured a divorce.

"Governor" Robinson owns much real estate here, including an opera house. He is reputed to be worth many millions of dollars. He is about the last one left of the old time circus men of the Barnum-Bailey-Forpaugh class, and like them, he is keeping in harness in his old age. He and his bride will keep on traveling with the circus until it goes into winter quarters.

Dockery to Speak Here.

Former Governor Alexander M. Dockery is announced to speak in Columbia October 26 in behalf of the Democratic ticket.

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BURGLARS PREFER OBSCURE VILLAGES

City Lights Protect Banks, According to Detectives' Report.

ONE BANK ROBBED IN STATE

Enactment of Law Regarding Use of Explosives is Urged.

Banks in Missouri have been comparatively free from burglars and hold-up men the last year, according to an annual report of a detective agency, just issued. While the report was made especially for the edification of the members of the American Bankers' Association, in convention at Denver, it contains interesting statistics from the layman's point of view.

It shows that the operation of the burglar and yeggman has been transferred from the larger centers to the out-of-way villages in the more obscure quarters of the country. In speaking of this fact, Superintendent H. W. Minster, in charge of the St. Louis office of the agency, said:

"The day of 'gentlemen burglars' is past. They hate light and protection, and as a result the 'profession' now is made up solely of the 'roughneck' and the 'stickup' man."

Figures Are Startling.

The comparison of figures, showing the banks protected by the association, and those which are not protected, especially is startling. Out of 89 bank burglaries committed throughout the United States, only 17 attacks were made upon members of the association, while 72 attacks were made upon non-members, entailing a loss of but \$1950 to members, as against a loss of \$127,045.23 to non-members.

The only loss recorded in Missouri in the year ending Aug. 31 was the Bank of Aldrich, at Aldrich, Mo., where the robbery amounted to \$3,640.

The men who committed the crime have been arrested and now are awaiting trial. The report states that not one bank burglary was committed in Maryland or Nebraska during the year

and that nowhere in the country were members of the Bankers' Association molested by sneak thieves.

Map Shows Operations.

Another interesting feature of the report is a map showing the field of operation of burglars throughout the United States. According to Superintendent Minster, burglars formerly found the East a lucrative field for work. Now they are making their greatest and more numerous hauls in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. He attributes this to the lack of security companies and detective agencies reaching into these sections for business.

Last year the agency made 15 arrests for burglaries, 95 arrests for forgeries and 4 arrests for holding up bank officials. Out of this number 68 persons already have been convicted and given sentences which aggregate, in all, 164 years. Attempted burglaries also were numerous, but 14 attacks being made upon members of the Bankers' Protective Association, as against 30 who were nonmembers.

Bands Broken Up.

The report closes by stating that more than 800 cases were submitted by the Bankers' Protective Committee which were investigated; that two bands of professional forgers operated rather persistently in New York during the year, but, aided by the police, the agency was successful in arresting the criminals.

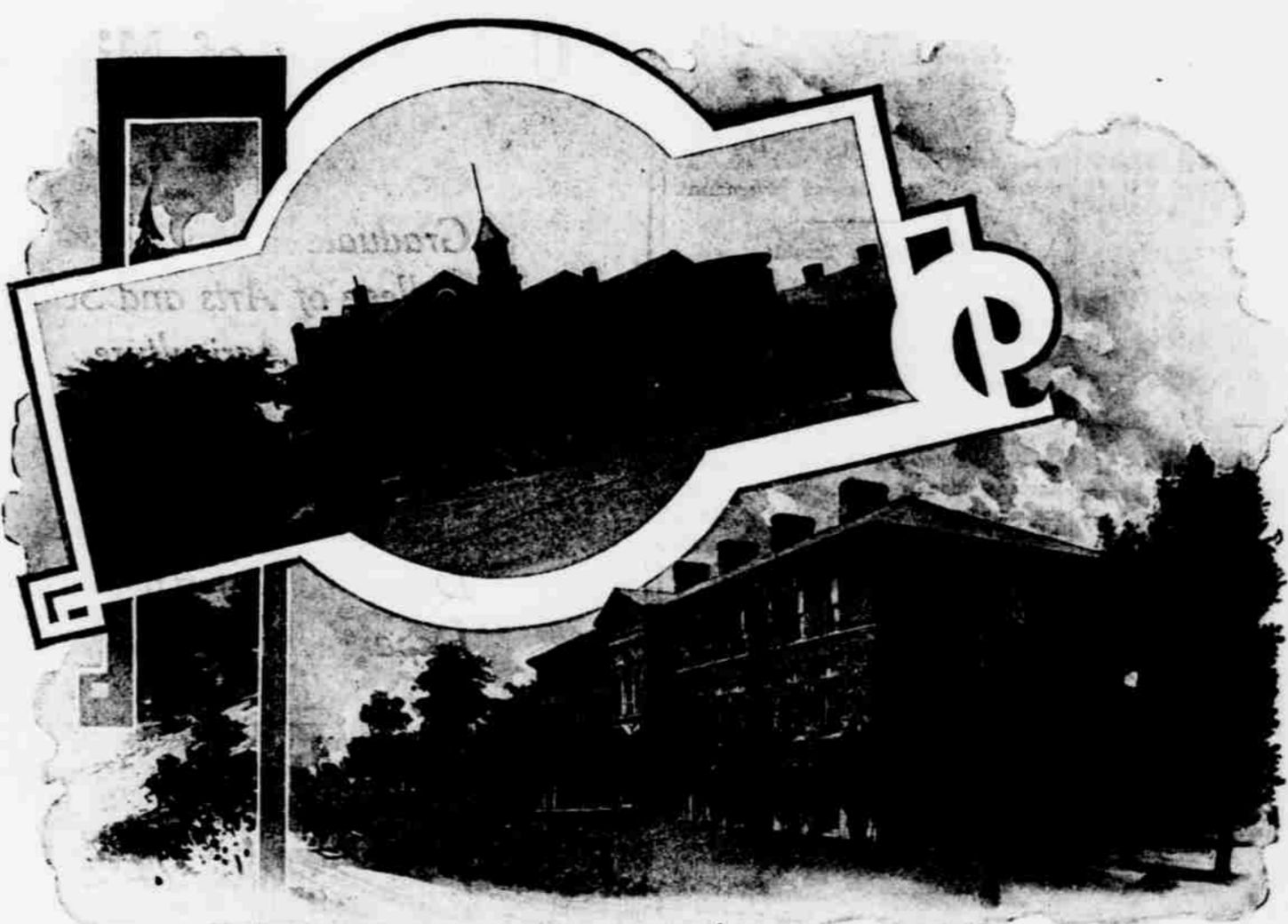
The methods of one band consisted of stealing mail from hall letter boxes, extracting checks therefrom, and cleverly erasing the name of the payee, inserting fictitious payee or bearer. By also forging the indorsement of the drawee of the check, as an identification of the payee's indorsement, they usually collected from the bank drawn upon. The other band made purchases from merchants, requesting checks in smaller amounts as change, using these as a model to forge checks for larger amounts.

For years the agency has striven persistently to have the following law enacted in the various States relative to burglary with explosives: "A person, who, with intent to commit burglariously, breaks and enters, in the night time, a building, and commits a burglary by the use of nitro-glycerin, dynamite, gunpowder, or any other high explosive, is guilty with burglary with explosive," which in many States carries with it a minimum penalty of 25 years' imprisonment.

An effort is being made at this time to have the American Bankers' Association use its good efforts in having the law adopted in all the States.

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